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### **El Paso Sector Agents and Support Personnel Donate Excess Computer Hardware and Accessories to Fort Hancock ISD**

*20 Computers, Monitors and Software Among the Learning Equipment Donated*

**EL PASO, Texas** --Fort Hancock Independent School District will receive computer equipment donated by El Paso Sector agents and support personnel today as part of a national educational enhancement program.

Students at the Fort Hancock Independent School District (FHISD) will receive a total of 20 excess personal computers, monitors and operating systems, compliments of the Border Patrol's El Paso Sector. The donation is being made to the FHISD as part of a national "Computers for Education" program, which was signed as Presidential Executive Order #12999, in 1996. The provision allows Government agencies an opportunity to donate excess hardware and accessories to educational institutions in need of learning equipment.

"Anytime you provide students with additional tools for increased education, you are making a solid investment in the future of your own community," El Paso Sector Chief Patrol Agent Luis Barker said.

Although the equipment is used, it remains in good condition and will be useful for students at the Fort Hancock ISD. The approximate value of the donated equipment is \$69,000.00

In Fiscal Year 2002, El Paso Sector donated approximately \$230,000.00 in learning equipment to area schools throughout west Texas and New Mexico.

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